

# Campus survives Ad Building fire

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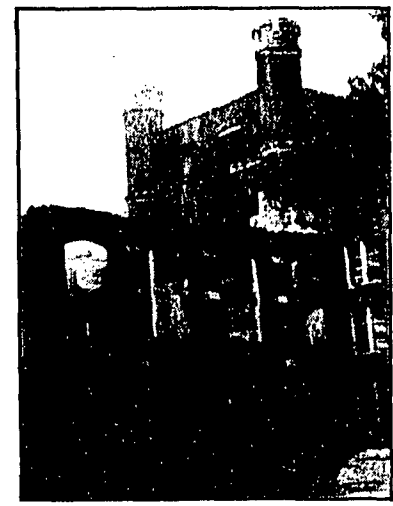
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The campus was shaken this week when the Administration Building succumbed to fire.

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### Firemen battle blaze

## West wing destroyed

Carol Crum and Bob Power

Sweeping flames and smoke raged through the Administration Building at approximately 8 p.m. Tuesday, causing extensive damage to the building.

According to Roger Stricker, director of public safety, the Maryville fire department received the call for assistance shortly after 8 p.m. Stricker arrived on the scene approximately 1 1/2 minutes later and observed the fire that was located in the attic area of the building.

"We had the fire pretty well contained around 2 a.m. But the fire was not totally extinguished until about 4 a.m.," said Stricker.

"We only had a three-stage ladder that extends up to 27 feet," said Stricker. "We were obviously at a disadvantage because we couldn't reach the top of the fire."

Another problem firemen encountered was the fact that a Maryville fire truck got stuck in the new sod in the front of the Administration Building. With the help of several volunteers, they were able to get the truck out and hooked up to the hydrant.

Other fire departments called out included Burlington Junction, Conception, Parnell and St. Joseph. Employees from the Reigel company also helped fight the blaze.

Stricker estimated that approximately 150 people were fighting the fire.

Key academic departments that sustained damage were broadcasting, agriculture, home economics, speech pathology and theatre.

Other areas damaged include financial aids, registrar, admissions and the graduate office.

Firefighters ran into several difficulties while trying to contain the blaze.

"The main trouble was water pressure. It was very low on the first floor and it got worse as we went up," said Stricker. "That's why we had to get the men out of the building. We weren't doing any good."

Stricker thought the low water pressure was due to remodeling and said, "It was upsetting to the men to not be able to do anything."

Earl Brailey, director of security, said one major problem was "keeping people that work for the University out of the building. However, the spectators stayed back out of the way pretty well."

Wednesday afternoon, fire officials narrowed down the place where the fire originated to be an electrical area in an air conditioning unit.

President B.D. Owens, who was on the scene throughout the entire fire, said, "We're lucky because we

have a good backup system in case of fire in the Administration Building. The most important documents and records are kept in bank vaults and the procedure is planned well so when there is a fire, everything is removed systematically to a different building.

Owens said classes and University offices would continue as close to normal as possible.

"That's the great thing about a higher institution like this," said Owens. "It is able to keep going on schedule the next day."

Relieved because severe injuries were avoided, Owens said they were fortunate because no lives were lost and everyone was evacuated from the building.

According to reports, only two men sustained injuries. A security officer broke his thumb moving out equipment and Bob Weiderholt, a volunteer rural fireman, broke his ankle while fighting the fire inside the building.

Dr. Owens said most of the material, tapes, records and equipment were removed from the building except for the most recently pre-registered students' papers that hadn't been processed yet.

Owens said the Administration Building did not have a separate, commercial insurance policy, but is state insured. This means that the money will have to be appropriated by the government before it can be rebuilt.

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### Smoke and fire

ABOVE: Volunteer firemen move a firehose during the Administration Building fire Tuesday night. Most of the west wing of the building was destroyed. [Missourian Photo/Mercer] RIGHT: President B.D. Owens and Bob Henry get a report from a University employee during the first stages of the fire. The fire started on the fourth floor of the building. [Missourian Photo/Young]

## Officials evaluate damage

Cindy Sedler

An emergency Board of Regents meeting was called Wednesday evening to discuss the steps to be taken following the Administration Building fire Tuesday night.

Tom Barington, state fire marshal, was present to report his findings thus far.

According to Barington, the fire originated in or near the west wing. The cause of the fire, however, has not yet been determined.

Barington said the documented time of the sighting of smoke was 7:58 p.m. However, the documented time that the fire department received the call was 8:14 p.m., 16 minutes after the sighting was reported.

"We know there was a clock delay of 16 minutes," said Barington. "Now generally, a 16-minute delay is a very severe delay. I'll be honest with you, this may have been burning for hours. But generally a 16-minute delay is a very crucial delay, and I want you to be aware of that."

There were also other things discovered by the fire marshal.

"There are a lot of small fires still up there, probably four or five. These fires probably are not going to go anywhere and so I wouldn't be that concerned about them," said Baring-

ton. "There is a problem with toxic fumes being put off. Your're going to have very innocuous odors."

Barington pointed out that more females than males will be effected by the fumes, and that it would effect people the first and second day after their contact with the fumes.

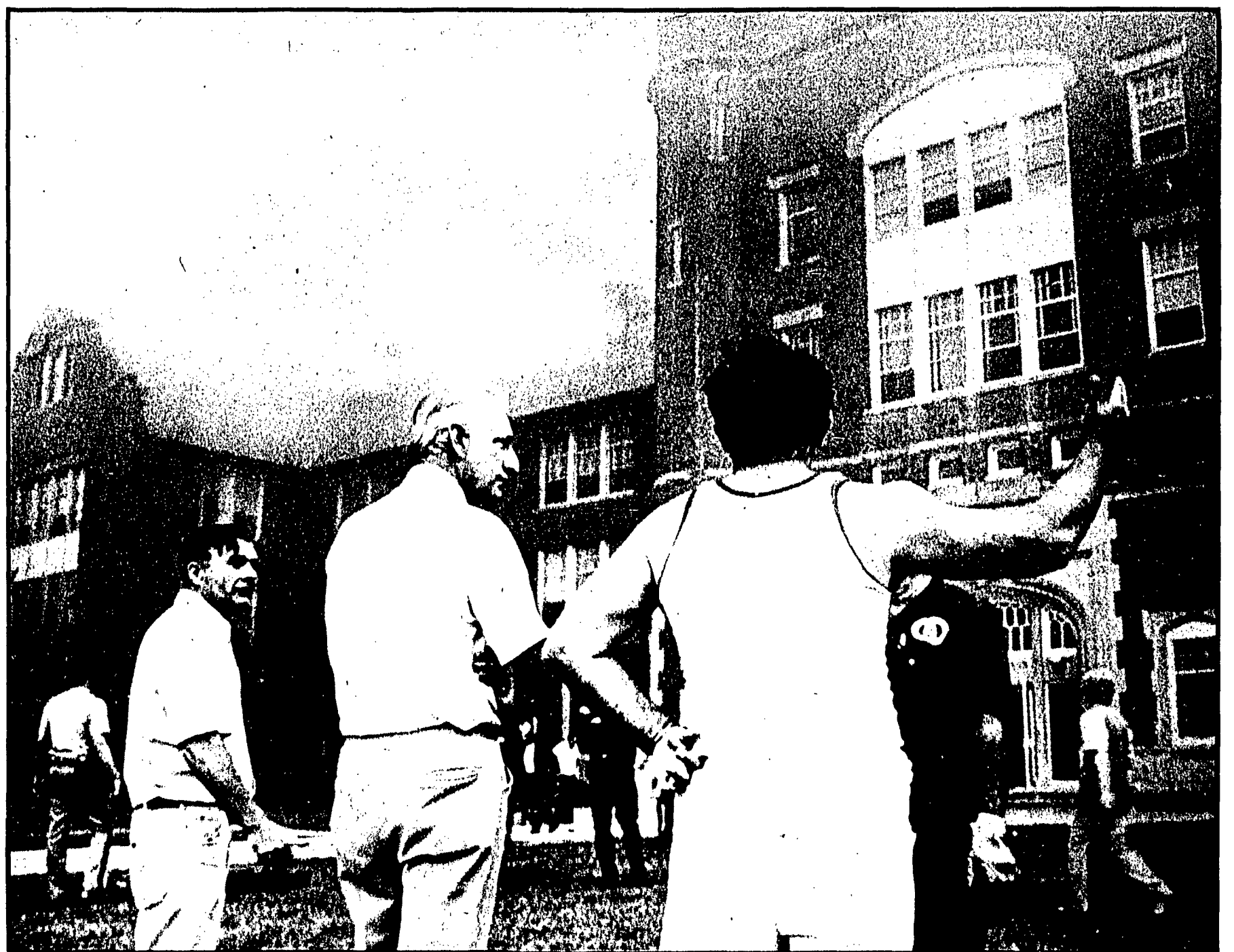
Several drums were also found on the fourth floor of the Administration Building, which remains a mystery thus far.

"I found some things up there I need to talk to the Physical Plant people about. I found 55-gallon drums, half a dozen of them. I'm going to assume they were empty because it's not practical to carry them up there. That is certainly not the place to store something like that."

According to Dr. John Mees, vice president for student affairs, most of the records were saved from the fire. The records that appear to be missing are those of the students who have recently pre-registered that have not yet been processed.

According to Owens, 65 percent of the Administration Building was used academically, which puts a lot of pressure on all of the University's other academic facilities to accommodate people from the damaged areas.

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# News summary

## Carter claims media distortion

President Carter spoke to the country again Wednesday night. Prior to his broadcast, Carter said the news media has exaggerated the extent of this administration renovation.

Carter was quoted as saying that, "The Washington press has grossly exaggerated this."

Carter also announced he has nominated Paul A. Volcker to be chairman of the Federal Reserve Board. Volcker is currently serving as president of the New York Federal Reserve Bank.

## 102 River nearly floods

With more than five inches of rain falling in Bedford, Iowa, the 102 River crested Tuesday morning.

The flood stage for the river is 14 feet. Maryville Department of Public Safety expected the river to reach 16 or 18 feet by late Tuesday.

## Kennedy may run

Democratic Senator Henry Jackson of Washington said he thinks Democratic Senator Edward Kennedy will run for the president. However,

Jackson believes Kennedy will wait until Carter is clearly out so he won't be accused of splitting the party.

## Sirhan's sentence reduced

The convicted assassin of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, Sirhan B. Sirhan, has received a four-month reduction in his prison sentence. Sirhan told a parole board he has been offered asylum in Libya.

Sirhan told reporters he believes he is not responsible for more than one shot fired at Kennedy. He said his hands were forced by those who grabbed him the night of the assassination.

## Bundy found guilty

Theodore R. Bundy, a former law student, was found guilty of murdering two Florida State University coeds. The two sorority sisters were beaten and strangled at their sorority house in January 1978. Bundy was also found guilty of trying to murder three other women and of two counts of burglary. Bundy believed that if he was found guilty he would be sentenced to the electric chair.

## Refinery blast injures 14

Fourteen workers sustained injuries in two explosions that hit a Texas City, Texas, gasoline refineries. The blasts occurred in the Amoco Texas Refinery, one of the largest refineries in the nation. Reports say that the explosions will have "a big impact on production of unleaded gas."

## Livingston offers energy plan

After presenting an idea on an alternative energy source at a Congressional hearing, Andrew Livingston, Independence, Kan., returned home with government grants totalling \$6.5 million.

Livingston's firms, employing 36 workers, will build two plants for conversion of peanut and soybeans, hulls, logs, sawdust, wood chips and diseased and dying forest growth into energy fuel.

Livingston said his firms developed the technology process to convert all forms of biomass-organic plant life--to a dry, solid, homogenous hydrocarbon fuel pellet.

The pellets cannot be used in vehicles, but could be substituted for fuels "to cook our food, heat our factories and warm our homes," Livingston told the Senate agriculture research and general legislation committee.

## Fraternity eyes campus

Carole Patterson

Sigma Phi Epsilon, the second largest national fraternity, has expressed an interest in starting a chapter on this campus.

A representative of Sigma Phi, Dean Woodbeck, visited the University during the 1978-79 term. According to him, Northwest would make a good home for the fraternity.

"We have chapters at Missouri Western, Central Missouri State, University of Missouri-Columbia, Iowa State, Kansas University and University of Nebraska-Omaha, so we're really strong around the Midwest," said Woodbeck.

Interfraternity Council (IFC) voted to allow Sigma Phi to attempt to recruit individuals next fall. The IFC constitution states that any fraternity wishing to be recognized as a campus Greek organization must petition for colony status; and in order to petition, it must have 10 members in the organization.

According to Irene Huk, director of student activities, the fraternity is not allowed to go through formal rush but must obtain members by other recruitment methods. At the end of the fall semester, Sigma Phi Epsilon will be reviewed by IFC for active status. According to the constitution, "it will be reviewed on the basis of participation in a minimum of campus and Greek activities and be evaluated by IFC."

Woodbeck said that although they will not be allowed to go through formal rush, the fraternity still has two "big selling points."

"We have two major themes. One, members will have the opportunity to have leadership in the group right away, rather than having to wait until their junior or senior years. Two, members will have the opportunity to make the fraternity whatever they want to make it. All established fraternities have their stereotypes, whether they are true or not. A new fraternity is free of having to deal with this kind of reputation."

The council's decision to allow Sigma Phi to make a go of starting a Northwest chapter has been met with some opposition by members of other fraternities and their sponsors.

Jim Wyant, Alpha Kappa Lambda sponsor, said, "I dislike it extremely,

and that's the feeling of my whole fraternity. I feel IFC isn't looking at the full side of this and looking out for the best interests of the existing fraternities."

Wyant explained that he feels that since the University already has six fraternities, a few of which are losing membership, a new fraternity would take away from the established ones.

"The number of members distributed to the six fraternities is small, and a new one could easily put under a fraternity that now exists. IFC should concentrate their efforts to help the other fraternities that are in trouble rather than bringing in a new one."

Woodbeck said rather than hurting the other fraternities, Sigma Phi Epsilon could strengthen the Greek system.

"Enrollment at Northwest is increasing, I understand, so it is not the fault of a decreasing enrollment that fraternity membership is down. When we form a new chapter, we don't necessarily draw people from a finite pool. We attract people who would not

be attracted to the other fraternities."

Terry Miller, vice president of Tau Kappa Epsilon and treasurer of IFC, said he does not think a new fraternity will hurt his organization's pledgeship.

"The general consensus of IFC last year was that they didn't think (Sigma Phi) would make it here. They wouldn't have a house, which is a tool for rush, and the nationals would have to support them. IFC won't vote in favor of the fraternity," Miller said.

But Richard New, IFC secretary and member of Sigma Tau Gamma, thinks it will. "IFC thought (Sigma Phi) could make it at Northwest because they're the second largest national fraternity. I think IFC will vote them in."

However, Miller said Sigma Phi's pledgeship is too different from other fraternities on this campus. "Greek rush is down for males, and their pledgeship is so much easier than the others that more people will be attracted to them. But in the long run, it will strengthen Greek life and I don't think it will take away from our membership."

## MIAA increases scholarships

Last December the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) voted not to increase the number of football scholarships a member school could offer. But last week they did an about-face as they voted to increase these scholarships from 35 to 45.

"We voted to increase the scholarships so we can fully comply with the scholarship offerings of the NCAA Division II," said Dr. John Mees, vice president of student affairs and secretary of the MIAA.

The new scholarship plans will become effective in the fall of 1980 and will bring the conference closer to the present Division II limit of 60 scholarships. According to Mees, the other Division II schools will be down to 45 scholarships by the fall of 1982.

Besides the extra football scholarships, the MIAA also voted to increase the basketball scholarships the school can offer. Now the conference can have 12 scholarships instead of the previous 11. This also takes effect in the fall of 1980.

Mees said that the money for the additional scholarships at Northwest will come out of the general operations budget, like other scholarships in 1980. Instead, he said that it is possible that they may be increased by five.

"We'll have to discuss this eventually," he said. "If we can increase our scholarship offerings by 1980 it will be to our advantage."

The scholarship increases were not the only topic discussed by the MIAA. According to Mees, a possible expansion with Missouri Southern and the University of Missouri-St. Louis were also discussed.

"Essentially, we revived our overall concerns of expansion," Mees said. Although this discussion was held, no formal invitation was extended to either Missouri Southern or the University of Missouri-St. Louis and neither school submitted an application.

Other items discussed at the meeting were possible reduction of the number of sports a school has to offer to be a member of the conference and a possible bowl game with the Central States Conference.

Currently, a school has to offer eight sports before they can be admitted to the conference and move to reduce that number to six was defeated. The bowl game item was tabled until a further meeting.

## Ionesco drama set for Aug 7

Two one-act plays will be presented by the theatre department August 7 and 8 under the direction of Theophil Ross, theatre instructor.

"The Bald Soprano" and "The Lesson," both written by Eugene Ionesco, are absurdist dramas from the 1950's.

The sets are simple, emphasizing actions and words rather than the visual aspects of theatre, which is characteristic of this type of avant garde drama.

"It will be a regular production like in the regular year, but with a more limited budget," said Ross. "The plays are the type that students and audience are not usually exposed to, so they work well in summer theatre."

## Greeks return to campus



## House work

Delta Zeta's and Delta Chi's take time out from work and planning to catch up on summer fun. [Missourian Photos/Smith]

Rush plans, house repairs and activities highlighted Greek retreat July 21-22.

The sororities returned to campus and split up in all different sections of Maryville to make their plans and catch up on all the summer happenings.

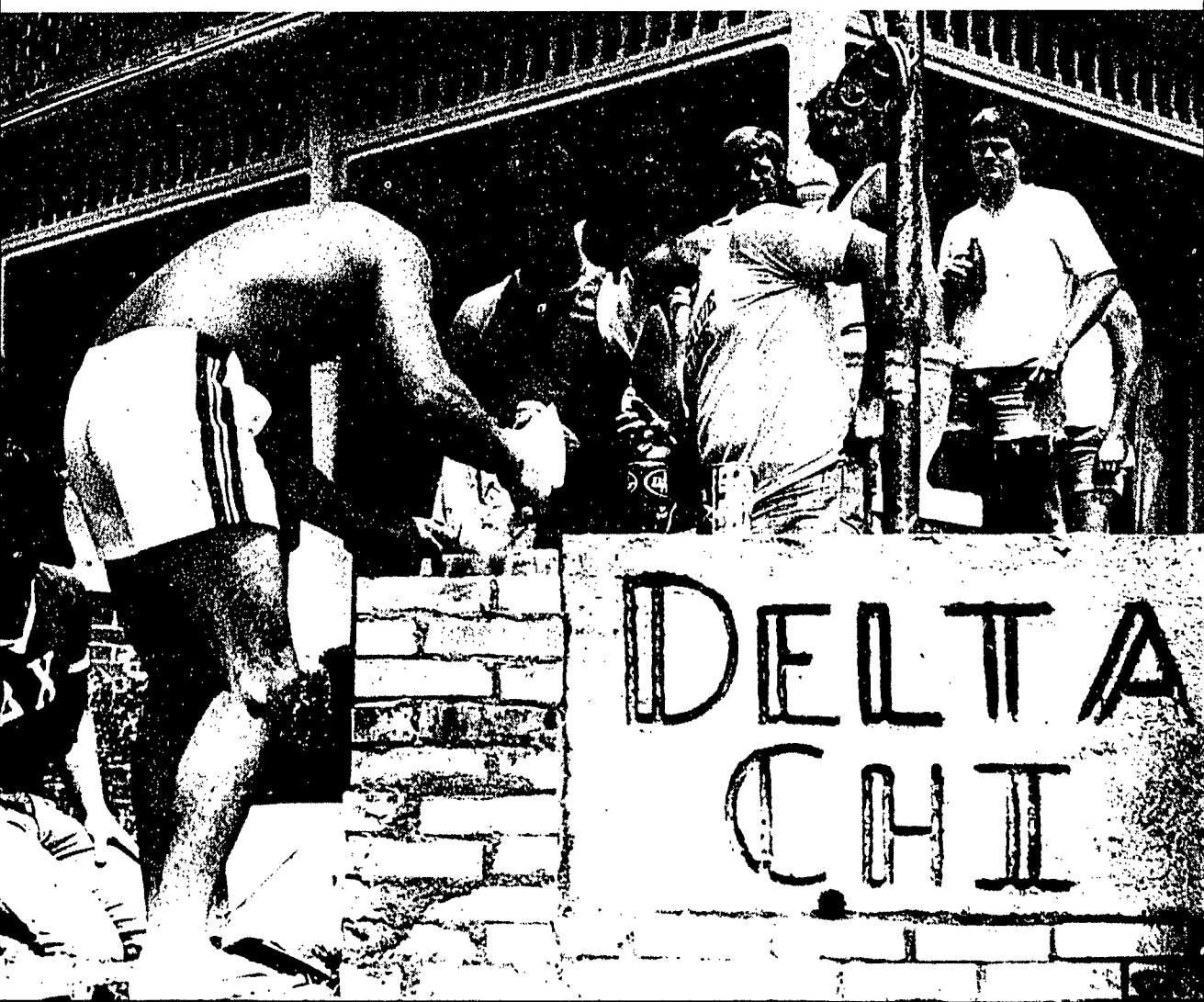
Terri Clear, rush chairman, said, "The main reason we were here was to prepare for rush ahead of time so we will have less work to do in the fall and more time to devote to actual rushing."

The fraternities returned to make repairs on their houses. Craig Poldberg, a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon, said, "The reason I came back was to spruce things up around the house, to see all my friends and to party."

The Delta Chi's also had their alumni come back on Sunday to get the Board of Trustees together to set up rules for the coming year.

The day culminated with a great deal of socializing at the different fraternity houses.

Some Greeks used the retreat to make Homecoming plans. Alpha Sigma Alpha rush chairman Judy Ackerman, said, "It's great to get everybody together again to work on rush and Homecoming."



## Priorities set for pool

The completion of the new swimming pool and renovation of Lamkin Gymnasium took a step forward when the pool architect came to campus to meet with University officials.

According to Dr. John Mees, vice president for student affairs, the meeting was held to review the priorities of the renovation.

"Basically, the meeting was held to review what the plan called for," Mees said. "We had to verify what the priorities were."

The plan, which calls for the renovation of Lamkin Gym and the addition of a new aquatic center between Lamkin and Marlinale Gyms, was approved by the Missouri General Assembly and signed by Governor Joseph Teasdale earlier this summer. Now bids for the project must be sent out before actual construction can begin.

"We want to get the bids out as quickly as possible as soon as the priorities are set," Mees said.

Currently, the priorities for the construction are the renovation of Lamkin Gym and the addition of the new pool. The lighting, heating and sound systems in Lamkin will also be improved. And Mees said that if there is enough money left over, other things

could be included in the renovation.

"This could involve reconstructing existing space," he said, "but right now the priorities are pretty well set."

Mees said that possible work on the pool could begin in the middle of October and that the ground breaking ceremony could occur during Homecoming.

"Tentatively, we are hopeful that we can start work by the middle of October," he said. "We are going to try to move as rapidly as we can so we can complete this project as soon as possible."

A problem might develop during the spring semester next year, according to Mees. In order to complete the renovation of Lamkin Gym, some of the classes during the latter half of the semester might have to be moved to another facility. But as of yet, no move of classes is planned.

"Before we start work in Lamkin, we are going to have to look at some of these things," Mees said. "Events in the late spring, such as the concert and commencement, will also be taken into consideration."

But presently, Mees said that the operation will get started immediately as soon as the priorities of the project are completed.

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It was a night to remember.

From all over campus and all sides of town, smoke could be seen filling the sky. The University's oldest and most stately structure, the Administration Building, was on fire.

At first it seemed minor. Students and townspeople gathered to watch, thinking the excitement would soon be over and the fire would be out. But when part of the roof collapsed and flames shot out fourth floor windows, looks of horror began to form on bystanders' faces.

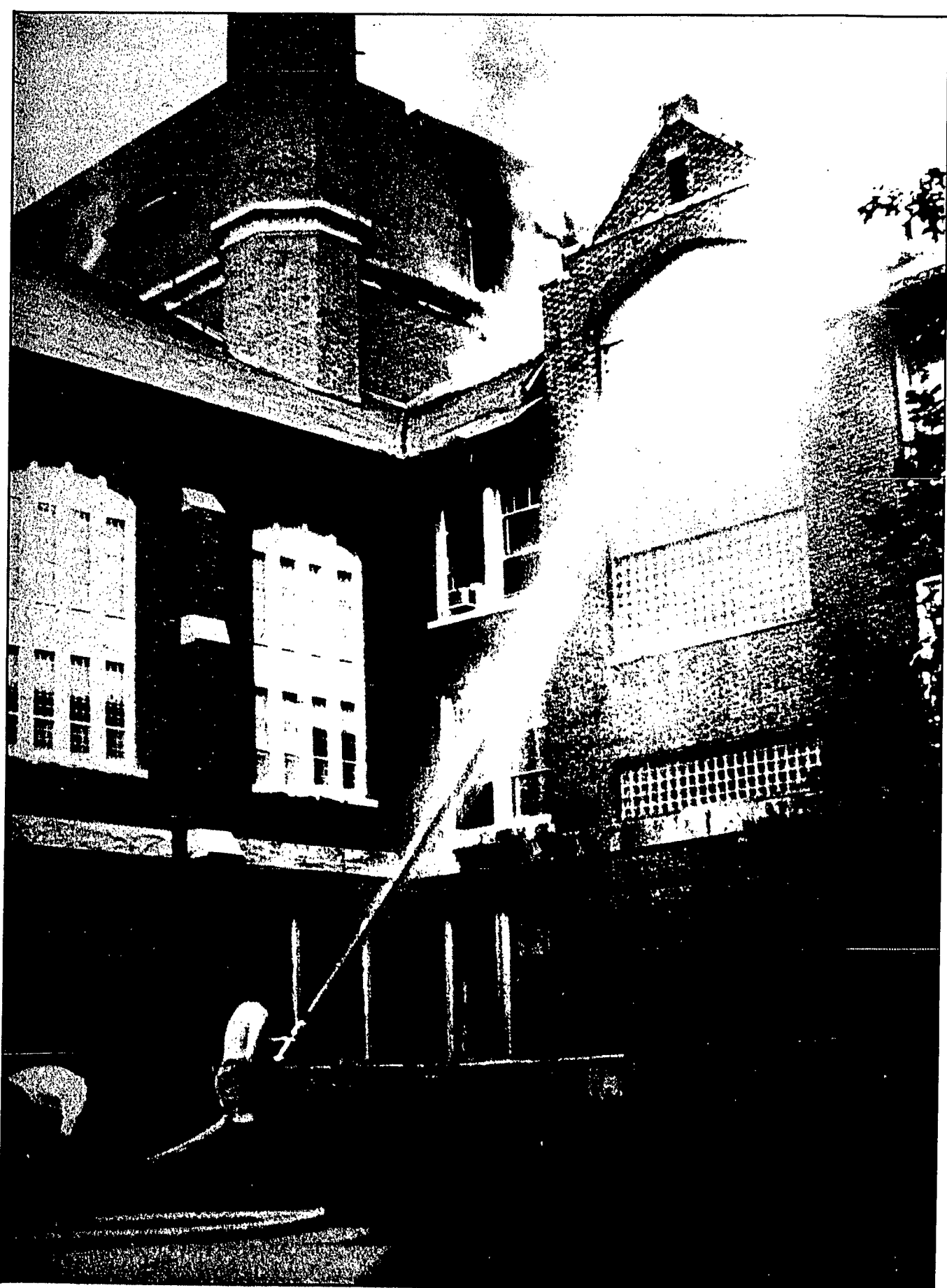
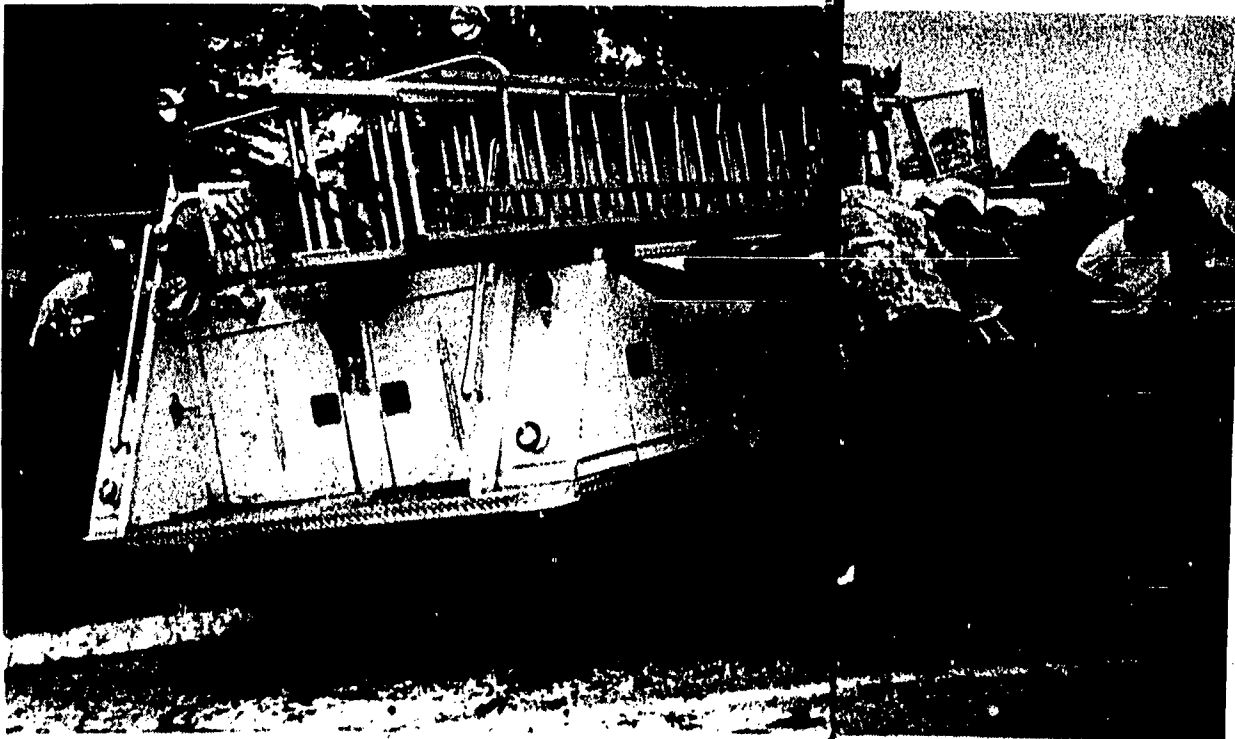
Hours later, after volunteers and area firefighters got the blaze under control, the looks of horror were replaced with stunned looks of disbelief. For what used to be the most beautiful building on Missouri's most beautiful campus was now a smoldering skeleton.

The next morning there was no joy on the Northwest campus. But under the expressions of sadness lay grim determination that the University would live on, despite the loss of the Administration Building.



The fire seemed small at first. Then flames burst from the roof and by morning the west wing was destroyed. But much...

# More than a building was gone



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ABOVE AND CLOCKWISE: Students and faculty helped move equipment out of the burning Administration Building. Here students help Dr. Morton Kenner move out some computers. During the height of the fire the ventilator on the west wing of the building collapsed. Most of this wing was destroyed by the fire. Firemen and University personnel move firehoses during the early moments of the fire. A Maryville Public Safety Officer helps a fellow officer with his equipment. Over 150 firemen were involved in putting out the fire. Right after flames broke through the roof, firemen try to douse the fire. The fire was apparently started on the fourth floor of the building. Because the fire hydrants were on newly laid sod, a firetruck gets stuck. University employees and students help push the truck out. The morning after the fire shows all that remains of two studios of KXCV. The radio station sustained heavy damage in the fire.





## Cloud of despair

Approximately 150 professional and volunteer firemen fought the blazing fire until about 4 a.m. The west section of the building was destroyed quickly leaving firemen to defend the east section of the building. The fire was thought to have started in the air-conditioning units located on the fourth floor. [Missourian Photo/Mercer]

# Classes, offices relocate after fire

What happens now? In the wake of Tuesday night's fire in the Administration Building, President B.D. Owens answered that question in a meeting with University personnel the next morning.

According to Owens, the offices in the Ad Building will be moved to other parts of the campus. Most of the quads will be affected by this move.

"We will just have to crowd together for the time being," Owens said.

But that time being may be for a while. According to Dr. Bob Bush, assistant to the president, the office moves will still be in effect at the start of the fall semester.

Colbert Hall, what is now the Health Center, will take a bulk of the office moves. Besides moving President Owens' office into this building, KXCV will set up broadcasting systems there in a couple of weeks. Before this is possible though, the radio station will broadcast out of a trailer located at the transmitter tower north of the main

campus. And by the time school starts in the fall, the station will move to the Student Union.

Student services will also move into the quad area. The admissions and financial aid offices will both move to Cauffman Hall, as will Dr. John Mees, the vice president of student affairs.

News and information will be housed in Hawkins Hall, while the registrar will move to the Cooper Hall lounge. The mail room will be relocated in the purchasing offices. Data processing and the business office will move to the Garrett-Strong Science Building.

Since 60-65 percent of the Ad Building housed academic areas, new classrooms will have to be found for the classes scheduled in that building for not only this summer but the fall semester as well. Wednesday's classes were held in Colden Hall and will be there for the rest of the summer. Bush said that most of these classes will probably move into Colden during the fall, too.

"If the student has pre-registered for a class in the Ad Building, we want to keep the same time and days for these classes in the fall," he said.

Faculty members in the speech, home economics and agriculture departments will also be moved. Currently some of these faculty have been placed in Colden Hall. As of yet, no new location for the copy center has been found.

Other offices were also moved into Colden. The graduate office and Dr. George English, vice president for academic affairs, will be housed in this building.

Most of the records were taken out of the building during the fire. These records, along with other materials taken out of the fire-damaged building, were moved Wednesday to the new office. But according to Owens, backup records were kept by the Administration.

"We have maintained backup records in case something like this would happen," he said.

Equipment loss was also experienced during the fire. Owens said that the sound, computer and broadcasting equipment were insured. But not all of the equipment was destroyed. Volunteers helped bring out some computers during the fire and Owens said that the main computer was not totally damaged. There have also been reports that some of the broadcasting equipment might be salvaged.

Although Owens said that the state is a self-insurer, the University will have to ask for additional funds to repair the Administration Building.

"We'll have to ask for emergency appropriation funds to get going again," he said. "We will have to go through the Missouri Legislature and the governor and that process will start immediately."

But for now it is "business as usual" for the University. However, until the Administration Building is repaired, nothing will be usual for University personnel and students.

## Students reveal emotions through Ad Building fire

Angel Watson

As Maryville witnessed the Administration Building engulfed in flames, many of the students and citizens shared sentimental feelings.

"It's just so hard to believe that building burned," said Grace Gaskins, broadcasting major. "All I could think was there goes my major, as I watched the radio station burn right in front of me."

"I can't believe it happened either," said Mary Ann Mann, sophomore. "There wasn't a day that you could pass that old building and not notice it."

Other students felt helpless as the fire continued to overwhelm water pressure and man-power.

"I feel sorry because the fire had greater power than the water," said Mahomound Nour, foreign student.

Agreeing the sight of the burning building was sad, some students gathered together and prayed.

"I got together with Kumbi Merriman-Johnson, Carrie and Terri Heldenbrand and Cindy McCown and prayed the fire would soon get under control, thanked God no one was hurt, realized there was a reason for the fire, and prayed others would accept it as a part of God's power," said Gaskins.

Other students cried as they felt useless.

"I've been here three and a half years and I've just become so attached to the campus and the Administration Building," said Linda Eichinger.

"Each time I walked into that building I would see something different, and got a different feeling," said Mel Mayberry.

"It's a tragedy," added Tammy Hayward, junior.

As the firefighters battled the blaze, students became depressed.

"It's depressing and sad to see the Administration Building suffer severe damages because there's a lot involved," said Beck Hampton. "When you see something like this that you're so involved in, you hate to see it go up in flames."

The fire left some students somewhat numb.

"I really don't know what I feel," said Kurt Hamilton, speech pathology major. "It was kind of like seeing your own house burn."

After hearing President B.D. Owens' address the day after the fire, a student said he felt closer to the University.

"I thought Owens' comments were impressive and I even felt unified with the University and assured that we are all going to keep the University going," said Mike Sayers. "It's odd how you tend to take a building like that for granted. I felt it was a symbol of a part of my life, and it was going up in smoke."

Even though radio station KXCV was effected, it aired at 6:30 a.m. in a new location Wednesday morning.

"The fact that we got KXCV on the air inspired me," said Greg Alvarez, broadcasting major. "I feel it will be rough getting started all over again, but it is not impossible."

"I just enrolled last week in a broadcasting class for the fall," said John Thompson, "and the fire worried me."



## Looking forward

University officials discuss fire damage with the Fire Marshal after a careful assessment of the damage had been made. [Missourian Photo/Mercer]

## West wing cont.

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"We'll have to go to the legislature and the governor to ask for emergency preparations because this is an emergency," said Owens. "Most of the equipment inside was insured, such as the computer and some of the KXCV broadcasting equipment."

Owens said the alarm system had gone off four times during the week, but the system was hooked up at the time of the fire.

"Thanks to the St. Joseph fire department, the east end of the building was saved," said Owens.

Dr. John Mees, vice president for student development, said they would probably be able to build on to the east end and possibly the old foundation if it were in acceptable condition.

Authorities said the first floor was intact, but it did suffer some water and smoke damage. The second floor took a lot of heat from the collapse of the auditorium tower. The home economics department escaped serious damage. Most of the fourth floor and portions of the third floor were destroyed.

Owens held a meeting at 8 a.m. Wednesday in the Fine Arts Building for University employees. The purpose of the meeting was to inform the employees of the day's activities.

Owens said, "The University had a great suffering last night. The Administration Building is the heart of the campus and the heart of the University. But, the real heart is in the heart of the people."

Owens concluded by saying, "That's life. It has things like this that go with

# Campus history destroyed by fire

Mike Crum

A part of the history of NWMSU went up in flames Tuesday night when the Administration Building was severely damaged by fire.

The Fifth District Normal School, as NWMSU was originally known, started plans for the Academic Hall or main building in 1906. Due to problems

concerned with appropriations, the cornerstone wasn't laid until Oct. 12, 1907.

Within this cornerstone, located at the octagonal base of the tower to the right of the south door of the building, is a copper box 12 inches by 4 inches by 4 inches. The contents include, among other things, a copy of the law creating

the Fifth District Normal School, copies of several local papers with editors' autographs, coins contributed by local banks, lists of important people of the area, an ear of corn and a bottle of wine, according to Mattie M. Dykes in her book *Behind the Birches*.

Construction wasn't fully completed when students met for their first classes Monday morning, Oct. 3, 1910. Sidewalks were incomplete and the building was never really finished until another contractor was called in. Students suffered the inconveniences of construction as classes went on.

Saturday, March 15, 1919, the Administration Building was beset by more bad luck when a tornado struck. No one was injured, according to Dykes' account, but windows were shattered throughout the building, the auditorium roof was blown off and a beam from it was driven into the roof of the home economics wing. Construction began once again.

According to Mr. Herbert Dieterich, principal of the laboratory high school from 1928 to its closure in 1960, the first

floor consisted primarily of an elementary and junior high lab located in the west half and a high school laboratory located in the east half. The library was located in place of the Little Theatre, the industrial arts division was in the area of Dr. English's office and the women's gym was located in what was the speech and theatre department on the first floor.

Business offices, the President's office and the bookstore were on the second floor. At the east end of the corridor there was at one time a social hall, according to Dieterich, that served as a predecessor to the Student Union.

The music and art departments were housed on the fourth floor, recalls Dr. Robert P. Foster, former president of the University. "I remember how we used to wish we had an elevator when the music department was on the fourth floor and pianos had to be moved up the stairs."

The remaining departments, English, business, foreign languages, home economics, agriculture, history, etc., occupied the remainder of the building. Gradually the college expanded and

departments moved into other buildings. Martindale Gym was built in 1925 and most of the physical education department was taken care of. The Thompson-Ringgold Industrial Arts building was constructed to accommodate the industrial arts students. The Horace Mann Laboratory School was completed in 1939 for the library and education department.

More recently we have the construction of Golden Hall for the departments of English, foreign languages, history, humanities, business and psychology; Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building for music and art; Lamkin Gym for women's physical education and the J.W. Jones Student Union.

A three-phase renovation project was initiated in 1975 to upgrade the Administration Building. Phase I was concerned with the repair of the roof and basement utility systems. Phase II involved the addition of the KDLX-KXCV radio stations and the speech and theatre offices on the fourth floor. Heating and cooling systems were included for these additions and an elevator was installed.

Phase III, a \$616,000 operation to restore some of the original design and architecture to the building, was 70 per cent complete before the devastating fire.

Departments still operating out of the Administration Building before the fire were agriculture, home economics, speech, theatre and broadcasting. The remainder of the building composed of office space.

Dr. Foster's reaction to the fire shows the emotional effect of the building that started it all here at Northwest. "It just made me ill. It was like having part of your life wiped out. To see history go up in flames as you watch it spread through the building is a traumatic experience."

Dieterich recalled the importance of the Administration Building to the alumni when he repeated what an old graduate said the night of the fire, "There goes our old Alma Mater." For many older graduates this building represented their entire college career.

It remains to be seen to what extent this memorable building can be restored.



Michelle Brekke works on the air at KXCV. Although most of the radio equipment was destroyed in the fire,

KXCV was back on the air less than 12 hours after the disaster. [Missourian Photo/Mercer]

## Station still broadcasting

The 12 years it took to build KXCV campus radio station were almost wasted in the raging fury of the Administration Building fire Tuesday night. To some it was like watching their life's work go up in smoke.

The blaze had to be especially hard for Rollie Stadman, director of broadcast services. Stadman has been with KXCV from its beginning as a club to its development as a University department.

"We were shocked and very emotionally upset and distraught. It was 12 years of work for some of us, and it seemed it was all gone," he said.

But Stadman and the broadcasters would not be defeated.

"I promised the President that we would go back on the air and he became very excited," Stadman said. "Going back on the air was our goal, and that goal was all that kept us going. We knew we weren't defeated."

And indeed they were not.

After acquiring the necessary equipment, the broadcasters got together and ran some quality tests at 3:03 a.m. After 34 minutes the broadcasters were ready.

"We went on the air for regular broadcasting at 6:30 a.m.," said Jo Fousek, broadcaster.

According to Fousek, the drive and enthusiasm necessary to rebuild, came from each other.

"Our first thoughts were that it could not be true," she said. "But then we all got together in Rollie's basement and just decided that the fire would not keep us off the air. We got organized and started calling. KKJO gave us a remote board to use and KFEQ donated some albums."

"The people have been tremendous. We got calls from people wanting to help. Calls have come in from Oklahoma, Nebraska, South Missouri, Kansas City and Columbia. A local company donated a trailer and we have gotten help from all kinds of people," said Stadman.

According to Dr. George English, vice president for academic affairs, 50 percent of the broadcasting equipment was destroyed.

"But what is remaining may be salvagable," said English.

President B.D. Owens said that some of the destroyed equipment was insured. However, the exact amount has not yet been determined.

KXCV is presently operating out of a trailer near the transmitter. The offices and departments will be temporarily located in Colbert Hall, home of the original radio station, KDLX.

"KDLX started in Colbert Hall in 1960, then it moved to the Power Plant in 1964. In 1968 it was located in the Administration Building and in 1971 was KXCV's first broadcast. Now, July 25, 1979, we are back home."

There is no easy way to mend the wound, but according to Stadman, the support of everyone has helped.

"It eases the pain a little since there are people willing to put in the man hours and since some of our equipment may be useable," he said.

## Area comes to University's aid

Most of the young individuals aiding the firemen who battled against the flames of the Administration Building were well-trained volunteer firefighters, said 15-year-old Scott Wedlock, chief of Explorer Post 14, a volunteer firefighter organization composed of males, 14-16 years old.

The members joined the Explorer Post 14 to assist in fire or other emergency situations. The volunteers received extensive training from the Police-Fire Rescue and Public Health and Ambulance.

"Members of the Explorers were trained better than you or I," said Maryville Mayor Keith Walburn.

The explorers have made about 30 runs this year.

"House fires and this kind of fire are the worst," said Wedlock. "After the fire is over, we are allowed to go in and look it over."

Wedlock said Maryville citizens are nice, and when the firefighters asked for help during the Administration Building fire, they received cooperation and help from the crowd.

Roy Gibbs, public safety officer, said the volunteers do not assist in the actual fire fighting.

"Basically, the Explorer scouts assist in crowd controlling and errand running," said Gibbs.

As the firefighters, consisting of firemen and volunteers, fought to control the fire, Red Cross volunteers and security volunteers assisted the men by providing sandwiches and beverages.

One firefighter described the atmosphere inside the burning building.

"We were all equipped with air tanks and couldn't see our hands in front of our face," said Bob Knically, public safety reserve officer.

Knically said the St. Joseph ladder truck was very helpful and added that Maryville badly needs one.

"If the 7/8 sales tax amendment is passed, we may get one," Knically said.

Even though the fire took a lot of time and work to control, some of the firefighters were satisfied with their performances.

"We did a damn good job with the equipment we had," added Knically.



## Relocation time

Volunteer firemen move a fire hose during Tuesday night's fire. Firemen came from several surrounding areas to help fight the blaze. An Explorer troop also helped in controlling the crowd. [Missourian Photo/Mercer]

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"We lost our total TV capability," said Dr. George English, vice president of academic affairs. "Plus, I estimate 50 percent of all of our radio equipment."

English also said the speech department lost as much as the TV station as far as the monetary value goes. The only damage to the home economics area was smoke and water damage.

Overall, 25 classes and labs must be replaced, and Owens says the labs will cause the most concern.

English also said that they should be able to change classes without changing the students' schedules at all.

Insurance eligibility seems to be on the top of the list in dealing with the aftermath of the fire. According to University Treasurer Don Henry, Missouri has a policy where all state buildings are self-insured. Henry said that a government official said there was adequate legislature for emergency situations and that he could cut down on some red tape if necessary. "We're fully operative, but we do

need emergency assistance," said Henry.

Governor Joseph Teasdale said on a KQTV news report Wednesday evening, however, that he was not aware of any such policy, but that "anything is possible in government."

The only motion which came up before the Board was a proposal that the President be allowed the freedom to proceed with any necessary measures for the storage of the contents of the Administration Building. The motion was passed by the Board.

Positive words were expressed by all present, displaying a feeling of united effort rather than united self-pity.

"Sometimes it takes a catastrophe of that nature to bring out the best in us," said Ed Geyer, president of the Board of Regents.

The support of the community was also expressed.

"We are indebted to a good many people, some of whom we'll never know," said Geyer.

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# Royals, Redbirds can't climb in their division races

Although both the Kansas City Royals and the St. Louis Cardinals continue to win, both are still in the second division in their races for their respective division titles.

Before the All-Star break, Manager Whitey Herzog said the Royals needed three well-pitched games in a row before they could snap out of their current slump. Herzog got his first well-pitched game before the All-Star break when Paul Splittorff went the distance against the Texas Rangers. Then Dennis Leonard pitched another strong game, but the Royals lost by a score of 2-1. Leonard gave up a run on his own error and a ninth inning rally by the Royals fell short when U.L. Washington struck out to end the game.

The next night the Kansas City ball team got another good performance from its pitching staff. This time it came from Rich Gale as the right-hander went eight innings to get the victory. Amos Otis homered for the Royals in this contest.

It was on to Texas where the Royals dropped the first game of a three-game, slate. Although the Royals jumped out

in front in the first inning, the Rangers came back to win 4-1. However, the next night was a different story.

With George Brett duplicating his performance in last year's playoffs, the Royals won 7-6. Brett hit three home runs, but it took Willie Wilson's single in the ninth to win the game. Rookie Dan Quisenberry earned the victory in this contest.

The Royals got another strong pitching performance the next night against Texas. Again Leonard pitched a good game as the Royals won 5-4.

But Leonard almost lost the game as Texas first baseman, Pat Putnam, hit a three-run homer in the ninth inning to draw the Rangers within one. But Al Hrabosky and Quisenberry came on to secure the win. Brett again had three hits in the contest and Frank White hit his sixth home run of the year.

The next night the Royals kept on winning. This time the Chicago White Sox were on the losing end. It took seven runs in the eighth inning though before the Royals could win 11-6. Jamie Quirk had a triple and a single in the

eighth and Brett added a triple in the same inning.

This victory left the Royals in fourth place in the Western Division. They are 7½ games out of first place, which is held by the California Angels.

On the other side of the state, the St. Louis Cardinals are in fifth place in the Eastern Division of the National League. But they are only seven games out of the top spot. The team has something to cheer about, though. All-Star catcher Ted Simmons returned to the lineup in Tuesday's game against the Atlanta Braves. Simmons had a double and a single to help lead the Cards to victory 7-3.

The week began badly for the Cards as they took on the Cincinnati Reds for two games after the All-Star break. Tom Seaver continued to pitch well as he held the Redbirds to no runs in a 3-0 victory. This was Seaver's eighth consecutive win for the Reds.

The next afternoon the Cards got the better of the Reds. By scoring nine runs in the third inning, the Cards pulled away from the Reds as they won 12-3. Silvio Martinez helped his own cause

with a two-run single in the big third inning. The pitcher won his eighth game of the year against only three defeats. Keith Hernandez and Ken Reitz also contributed run-scoring hits in the third.

The Houston Astros came to St. Louis but a two-out infield hit in the ninth inning drove in a run to win the game for the Astros. Will McKeeney took the loss for the Cards.

St. Louis dropped another game to the Astros the next night as Joe Niekro became the first pitcher to win 14 games this season. A sacrifice fly in the fifth inning broke a 2-2 tie and that was all Niekro needed as he and the Astros won the game 3-2.

The next night Ted Simmons returned to the lineup, and the Cards won 7-3. Garry Templeton was also a factor in the game as he had two doubles and a triple in the contest.

This weekend the Cards will travel to Philadelphia to take on the Phillies in a three-game series.

The Royals will be home as they entertain the Baltimore Orioles for three games.



**Safe** Royals rightfielder Al Cowens slides safely into second base in a game against Texas. [Missourian Photo/Young]

## Unsung hero is 'super' sweeper for the KC Royals

Dave Gieseke

While the Royals players and coaches capture the spotlight year after year, one man and his crew have helped make the field playable for them.

But this is not to say that George Toma, director of fields and landscaping at the Truman Sports Complex, has not had his share of notoriety. Besides being the head grounds keeper for the Kansas City Royals and Chiefs, Toma and his grounds crew have worked on other fields in the winter. They have done the last 13 Super Bowls and will also do the 14th later this year in Pasadena, Calif. They have also done the Pro Bowl game in the past.

"It's not that bad of a job. It's tiresome, though. But we just do what we're supposed to do," he said.

But Toma and his crew are responsible for a lot of things. Besides working on the playing fields at both stadiums within the Sports Complex, they are also in charge of the 65 acres that go with the Complex. There is also a grass practice field which the Chiefs use.

"What we basically have to do is have the playing field in a playable condition every day," Toma said. "We have to make sure that the dugouts are clean and the grass is cut."

But the Sports Complex is not all that Toma and his crew work on. Presently the Chiefs are in the pre-season

practice at William Jewell College in Liberty, Mo. During the summer months, Toma has to worry about the three fields at this college.

"Every day I have to go out to Liberty for an hour and check out the fields and see that everything is going smoothly. Then it is back here in time to prepare the fields," he said.

With the building of the Sports Complex, the playing field surface went from natural grass to artificial turf. Although he said that the artificial turf is more work, it doesn't make any difference to Toma as to which playing surface he works on.

"It really doesn't make any difference," he said. "Artificial turf is more work because there is more cleaning up to do. You have to vacuum the turf to blow the dirt out of it. If you don't do this, then the turf gets like concrete."

Toma also said that the players do not always help the playing surface at Royals Stadium.

"Nowadays, so many players chew tobacco. They spit on the turf and it makes stains and we have to clean it out every day," Toma said. "Gum is also a problem for us. The gum melts right into the turf and we have to freeze it to get it out."

Although Toma says he really enjoys his job, there is one aspect that he dreads.

"Rock concerts. They are nothing but a lot of work," Toma said. "But I'm not as involved in this as the grounds crew is. It is times like these that you feel sorry for your men. After the concert is over you have to clean up and the stadium looks like a city dump. You really have to protect the field for these things."

Working along side Toma is his grounds crew. Most of these men are high school or college students. One of them is Jon Ceneiff, a sophomore at NWMSU. According to Toma, Ceneiff is his number two man.

Ceneiff says that the reason he started working four years ago for Toma was because he needed a job.

"It's a lot of work and a lot of hours. Generally, we put in about 60 hours a week. And when it gets around 120 degrees out on the field it becomes a very hard job," he said.

Toma also says that this job is tough and he makes it seem that way for applicants.

"It's a very tough and demanding job," he said. "Most kids think that it is a glamour job, but it isn't. Usually on their first day I'll put them mowing that bank by the scoreboard. Sometimes they will stick it out, but usually

they will go out for lunch and won't return."

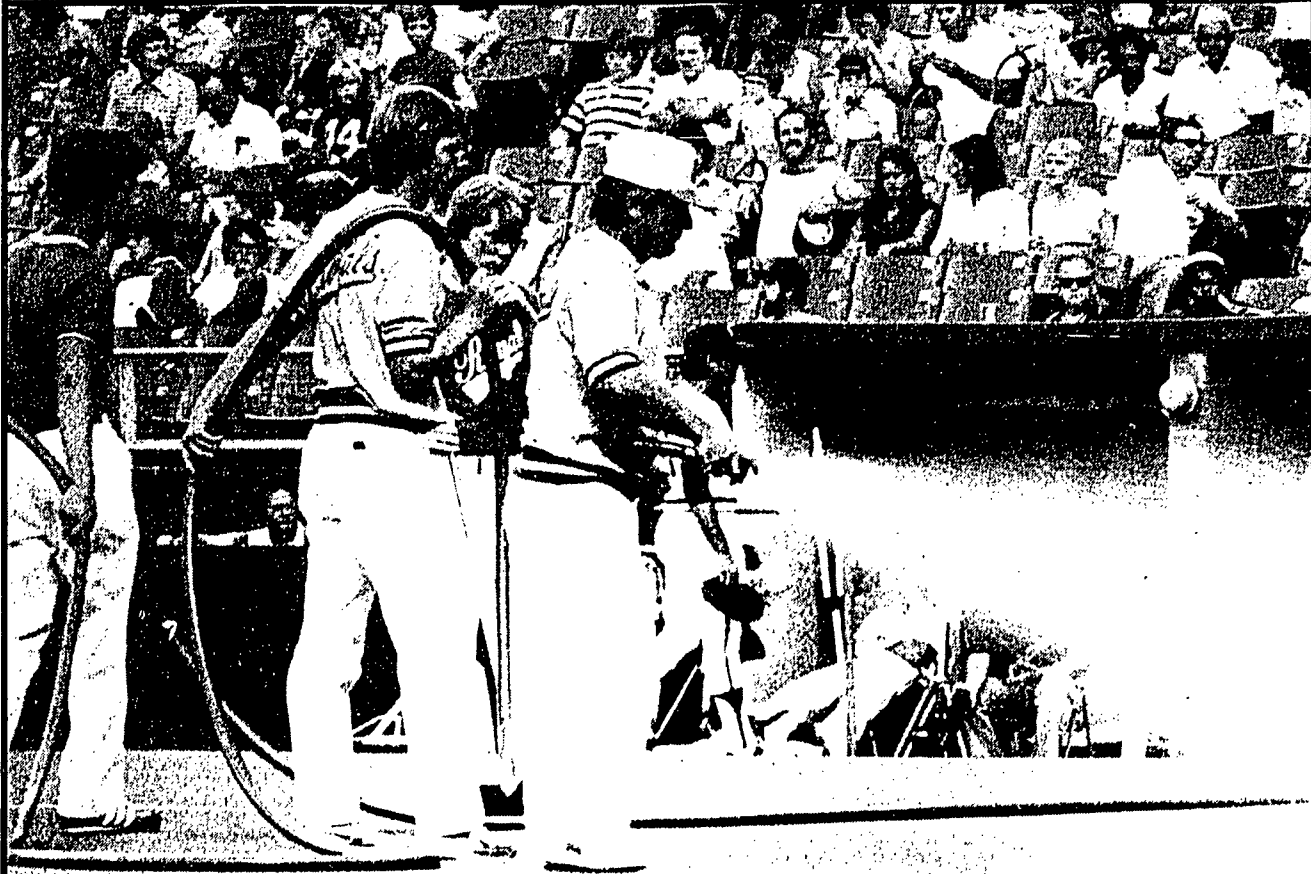
"I try to discourage them and make the job look tough because it is," he continued.

But Toma, whom many consider to be the finest grounds keeper, almost did not come to Kansas City. And in some ways, he regrets his decision.

After starting out in Wilke Barr, Penn., Toma went on to become the head grounds keeper for the Cleveland Indians' farm system. He then went to the Detroit Tigers' system before coming to Kansas City in 1957. But the then Kansas City A's were not the only ones that wanted Toma. The New York Yankees also wanted him. In fact, they continued to try to lure him to the Big Apple until 1965.

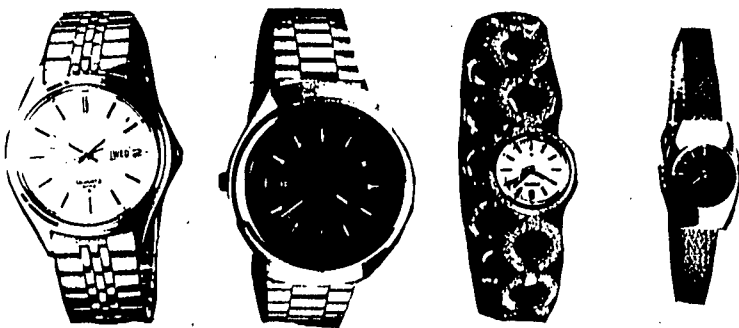
"If I could do it all over again, I might go to New York," Toma said. "But about the only thing I have regretted is the World Series shares I have missed in New York. The main reason why I didn't go there in the first place is the city. I didn't like to live in New York."

So for the time being, Toma is in Kansas City where he has to continue to put up with rock concerts and tobacco and gum in the "carpet." And while the players and coaches continue to be in the limelight, Toma and his crew will still be doing what they like to do, even if it is a "tough and demanding job."



### Royal sweep

ABOVE: Royals groundskeeper George Toma and NWMSU sophomore Jon Ceneiff water down the field before the game starts. Toma termed Ceneiff his number two man. RIGHT: During the seventh inning stretch Toma and his crew work on the field. Toma, who is considered by many to be the best in his business, has done the field for the last 13 Super Bowls. [Missourian Photos/Young]



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